

VACCINE POINTS

"Vaccine Points" is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: An infant, aged 8 months, is up-to-date on his routine vaccinations, including influenza. He will be traveling to China next month. Which of the following vaccines, if any, is/are recommended prior to travel? Select all that apply.

- a) Hepatitis A
- b) MMR
- c) Varicella
- d) Typhoid
- e) All of the above
- f) None of the above

Source: CDC's Travelers' Health: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>
Immunization Action Coalition's Ask the Experts Varicella: http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_var.asp
Global Measles Outbreak Notice: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/measles-global>
Hepatitis A Questions and Answers for Health Professionals: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HAV/HAVfaq.htm#C1>

Answer: Hepatitis A and MMR vaccines are both recommended for infants 6 – 11 months of age traveling internationally. Hepatitis A and MMR vaccines administered prior to age 12 months should not be counted toward the routine childhood vaccination series for either vaccine.

Varicella vaccine is not recommended or approved for children younger than age 12 months in any situation.

Typhoid vaccination is recommended for most travelers to areas where there is a recognized risk for typhoid fever, especially those staying with friends or relatives; visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water. However, injectable typhoid vaccine is indicated for children aged ≥2 years; oral typhoid vaccine is indicated for children aged ≥6 years.

